

Lumber Markets Sought - Supply Grows Steadily

Plenty Of Building Needs In Canada - Overseas Looking For Foreign Trade

VANCOUVER—Lumber for almost all building needs in Canada is plentiful, and although many are working at full capacity, exporters are looking to supply foreign markets at good prices for some time.

This is the first time in five years that the domestic market has had as much lumber necessary for housing and industrial building. The mills are now producing the surplus necessary for sale outside to 1948 for the first time since the war.

The big question mark in the export picture today is Britain, which may try shortly, and not actually to cut her present contracts with Canada, but to reduce her purchases of Canadian lumber by 25 per cent, spreading out deliveries over a longer period than she has been doing.

If this comes about, it will mean that the U.S. will have to supply markets for as much as 200,000,000 board feet of lumber it was planning to ship to the U.S. by the end of the year.

Accordingly, New Zealand and Australia have drawn in their bids to save as every dollar they can, and are now preparing to buy a large quantity of lumber. Both have been very active in the lumber trade.

After Britain drops out of the market temporarily a few months ago when she would have turned to the U.S. for lumber, she would be entering the B.C. market again, having said to use for trading purposes.

Many lumbermen here say they would like to see any restrictions on exports to the U.S. wiped out, so that they could get more and more lumber across the line. As they stand, Canada must get 40 per cent, of all B.C. coast production, Britain takes 40 per cent, and 20 per cent, is left for all other markets. This has meant that the United States has bought more than 15 to 16 per cent of B.C. output in the year.

The U.S. market is today today, said one lumber official, "and prices are high. When the Geneva Trade Agreement comes into force, U.S. lumber will be in a position to take over the U.S. market. We hope to pick up a few more trade there."

"Britain is planning to buy lumber from B.C. and more from British Columbia and British Columbia is now saving dollars. If this happens, we may have a surplus on our hands unless the U.S. market is wide open."

Doctors Petition For "Mercy Deaths"

NEW YORK—Physicians—a group of 1,500 New York physicians—announced that they were petitioning the state to permit voluntary euthanasia, or "mercy deaths" for incurable patients.

The group said the proposition of the aged subject to painful, chronic and degenerative diseases is increasing rapidly and that "to permit the termination of suffering, beyond any mercy at the request of the sufferer, is in accord with the humane spirit of our age."

A survey shows that boys get to know more words than do girls by the age of six. But the girls are better in using the words they have.

INDIAN PREDICTS WORLD CALAMITY

Another Century To Appear And Will Destroy The World

ADELAIDE, Australia—Before the year 2000 there will be "another century, the most destructive of all wars and the end of the world," according to Abner Gage (right), an Indian claiming to be 114 years old. He has been described by George Dorelli, Australian Government astronomer, as "a great and mysterious man, the most mysterious of all men."

Dorelli, confirmed that a short time ago Gage had predicted the approach of the comet of 1940, and across the southern hemisphere.

"People in England laughed when I predicted in 1938 that the comet would appear in six months, but many continued to believe when the comet appeared in 1940," Gage said.

The comet of 1940 was unusually bright and was clearly seen by night. Calculations made at the time showed it would appear about every 700 years.

Earthworms Digest Tons Of Soil Yearly

Any golfer who has found what looked at first like an easy putt and then has found it impossible to accept the estimate of Dr. A. C. Thomas, of the Federal Experimental Station in Hatterfield, England, that earthworms shove up, on average, from 10 to 20 tons of soil per acre annually. In fact, the average golfer might be willing to accept that an acre's whole annual output had been concentrated in the one put for him.

Dr. Thomas did not get it for his information about earthworms. He had one of the earthworms to buy a submersible—a chemical solution which was poured on the ground to show the poor worms' action of their burrows. That made it possible to get a closer count of some populations without hard labor.

Britain Has World Lighthouse Service

British engineers and Yugoslav technicians are working together on the Dalmatian Coast, completing a chain of light and lighthouses that will attract shipping for hundreds of miles.

Lighthouses have become a priority United Kingdom export, for Britain is the only country producing light and equips other lighthouses.

The war has meant hard work with lighthouses equipped all over the world and a United Kingdom firm is now busy repairing and re-equipping hundreds of them for hundreds of miles.

BURGLAR EVIDENTLY WANTED A JOY-RIDE

INDIANAPOLIS—A discriminating burglar who stole a 1940 Buick automobile from an agency shop apparently just wanted a joy ride.

Anyways, the company reported the 1940 Buick was found broken into its building, undamaged but with a broken radio and an empty car.

TONS OF SNOW BLANKET SOUTHERN ONTARIO—All of southern Ontario has been shrouded in clouds of a heavy blanket of wet snow.

Basic, trains, automobiles, planes, street cars and trains were held up in cities, towns and villages. While farmers drove paths from house to house, city dwellers shivered snow from their roofs and sidewalks.

This snow on Toronto street, with long lines of snow-covered or stationary buses in cars, was reported thousands of miles in all Ontario counties.

Confirms Rommel's Death As Suicide

It is confirmed that Field Marshal Rommel, who was charged before a German court with complicity in the murder of British soldiers, died by suicide on May 23, 1944, according to a German official source.

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WARNS YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYERS

Past President of C.A.H.A. Warns Young Hockey Players Of The Professional Status

Frank Burgess, past president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, issued a warning to young hockey players that they should be especially careful of the lure of professional clubs and the lure of money.

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Canada Sells China Mosquito Fighter Bombers

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Startling Idea Of Health Authority

Denver, Colo. In Denver

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Burglars Worked In Freezing Temperature

PHILADELPHIA.—It was chilly weather for burglars at a warehouse there who broke in last night.

Police said thieves who entered a second-floor office of Cook Brothers, food distributors, pushed a 600-pound safe down the stairs and into a freezing refrigerator compartment.

The thieves then worked in the freezing temperature to break open the safe and get out the cash.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



MRS. JESSE JAMES—The one foot 1' -round "Amazon" identified as Mrs. Billie Owens, is shown after she was captured in Craig, Colorado, with three male companions in connection with a crime wave extending over three states. Police said the 27-year-old woman was carrying a gun when she was seized and was "as tough as any man." The quartette are suspected of having committed robberies in New Mexico, Colorado and Wyoming.



JAPANESE ARMY COMPARE SKILLS IN PEACEFUL ARCHERY—Archery contest for Japanese and members of the U.S. army in Japan finds the contestants using each other's weapons. The Japanese bow used by Capt. L. Taylor, (left), has the handle set off-center. The Jap at the right is wearing a native costume.



BEFORE-BREAKFAST SPIN ENDS IN DISASTER—Twinspeople of Whittier, Calif., in the neighborhood of Convention Place stand about the shattered wreckage of the light plane in which Jack Atkins, 23, auto shop mechanic, suffered near-fatal injuries. Jack went out for his usual pre-breakfast spin in the one-seat fabric plane, but crashed in the street at Whittier. He was taken to hospital and nine of his co-workers offered transportation within an hour of the crash.



JEWISH LEADER—Here, is the latest picture of David Ben Gurion, chairman of the Jewish agency, who is slated for a high post in the cabinet of the newly created Jewish state.



EX-CANADIANS ON PALESTINE FARM IN ARAB ZONE—Jews on collective farm of Kfar Masabon, to be in the Arab division of Palestine, include 18 from Canada. With possibility U.S. women and children may be admitted to leave, workers on the farm in southern Judea do not anticipate trouble. Mr. and Mrs. D. Perlmutter, second and fifth from left, are ex-Torontonians.



CONSTABLE WOUNDED IN GUN BATTLE—Shooting it out with a red in store escaped after wounding a policeman. Reforming store after midnight in Kitchener, P.O. Harold Chert, (left), caught one. Article found a gun's blow for help. P.O. Richard Chert, (right), was greeted by a shot in possession of man held by police after shooting in Kitchener store include, of gunfire and wounded in the thigh. This gun, bullets, wallet, ciggies and milk. Five of the six gunmen surprised.



NEW ROLE FOR REFUGEE SHIP—A view of the joyful arrival in Haifa of the British ship "Globe Vigor" with a group of 1429 babies born in the Jewish refugee detention camp of Cyprus. The "Vigor" was one of the ships that had the unpleasant task of taking "exotic" refugees back to Hamburg, Germany. This time it was a ship of happiness. The Palestine government permitted the infants with parents and all orphans under 17 to enter the Holy Land regardless of quota. They came in time to celebrate the birth of an independent Jewish state. British soldiers helped the arrivals.



NINTH CANADIAN CONVICTED ON ST. COUT—Convicted after a two-week trial of conspiracy to violate the Official Secrets Act, Dr. Raymond Boyer is to be sentenced. Taken to cells, \$15,000 bail was cancelled.



ARAB LEADER—Fawzi El Kassab, former Palestine Arab rebel leader, is reported to be in command of a "Palestine striking force" to be established in Syria to fight the establishment of a Jewish state in Palestine. The report added that the Syrian cohort voted two million Syrian pounds (about \$1,000,000) to help the Arabs in the Holy Land. El Kassab led former Arab actions against the Palestine Jews.



WOMAN SLAIN HERE?—Police say they believe Mrs. Julie Kahn, 54, was dragged into a lonely spot behind Dundurn Castle museum, criminally attacked and murdered. Her body was found by a citizen walking through the park. Chief of Detectives John Thompson said he was unable to say what caused her death. Dundurn castle, (top), is in Dundurn park, in a lovely section of the west end of Hamilton, Ont., opposite Hamilton cemetery.



TWISTER BOY—Terry Fulton, a little picnic victim, fun Laurel, Miss, has been chosen as U.S. playboy child for the 1948 March of Dimes campaign against the dread polio epidemic. At three, Terry, (above), is the youngest child ever selected for the March of Dimes poster. Little golden-haired Terry was stricken with polio in 1942 before he had learned to walk. His case made rapid recovery and, though he still stutters, he is expected to require full use of his legs.



AND THE PILOT WASN'T HERE—A ferry is pictured drifting away the wreckage of U.S. navy single-engined torpedo bomber which crashed-landed, at the bright, at the traffic snarl, on the John Philip Sousa bridge, spanning the Anacostia river in Washington, D.C. Hours of minutiae were impeded when the pilot, Lt. S. T. Billing of Glenview, Ill., Navy, failed to make an immediate forced landing, because his engine stalled, chose the bridge for a safe landing when the plane failed to gain altitude. The plane was badly damaged, but the pilot, whose only injury was a gash on the head, climbed out of the cockpit unaided.



ARABS IN COUNCIL OF WAR—The ex-Grand Mufti of Palestine, Haj Amin El Husseini, who fled to help Hitler during the war and is now back in Lebanon, is pictured with the future plans for Palestine, more passage of the U.N. partition plan, was almost a certainty, at the time. Left to right are: Bishop Haddad of Hama, the ex-Grand Mufti, Haj Amin El Husseini, and Emil Ghannouchy, representative of the Christian Arabs in the Arab high committee. Meanwhile, reports of riots throughout all quarters in the Near East have been confirmed and attacks are being made upon both Jewish quarters and U.N. council property, as the Arabs demonstrate violently against the U.N. partition plan of Palestine.



MRS. SANTA CLAUS—Flourishing one of her toy dolls, Mrs. Catherine Hawkins, 52, of New York city, helped the Santa Claus Children's Federation in their drive to provide presents for 25,000 rural school children in more than 1,000 isolated areas. Many of these children have never had anything but homemade toys.

